

twenty-one years, without the special order of the Judge of the Court; but no Judge shall give such special order to issue license to sell spirituous or fermented liquors, unless upon the recommendation of at least ten respectable free-holders, residents of the ward or district wherein the place of sale may be, and whenever any license shall be issued to a *feme covert*, or minor, the said *feme covert* or minor shall be responsible for all contracts made in the prosecution of their business under such license, and shall be liable to be sued therefor in any of the courts of this State; and the said *feme covert* may be sued, or indicted and prosecuted in case of a violation by her of the license laws of this State, or in case she should keep a disorderly house, as if she were a *feme sole*; and, if judgment be obtained against her on any contract, execution shall or may issue in the ordinary way to affect her separate estate; *provided, however*, that such responsibility shall in no manner affect or impair the responsibility of the husband or parent, under the existing laws; and that this act shall take effect on the thirtieth day of April next.

Proviso.

## CHAPTER 50.

Passed Jan. 17, 1861. AN ACT to repeal the twenty-fifth section of the tenth Article of the Code of Public Local Laws, relating to the Alms House of Dorchester county, and to enact a section as a substitute therefor.

Repealed. SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the twenty-fifth section of the tenth Article of the Code of Public Local Laws, for Dorchester county, regulating the Alms House, be and the same is hereby repealed, and the following enacted as a substitute therefor:

Trustees may keep any number of out-pensioners. Sec. 2. The trustees of the poor for Dorchester county may, out of the money so levied, keep any number of out-pensioners they may think proper;